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GEOTHERMAL EXPERTS TO SPEAK AT WORKSHOP

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The nation's leading experts on geothermal resources in direct use applications will speak during a free one-day workshop in Boise Sept. 10.

Direct use applications include space heating, aquaculture, greenhouses, and industrial applications. Boise was the first site in the United States to use geothermal as a direct use. Homes on Warm Springs Avenue began using geothermal for heating in 1892. The state capitol mall is heated with geothermal, as will be the new Idaho Water Center.

The workshop, "Making Geothermal Direct Use Applications Happen," will be conducted at the Boise Center on the Grove, 850 W. Front St., from 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Lunch is not provided.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide a regional forum for a "how to" overview for development of geothermal applications with an emphasis on direct use and Idaho resources and regulatory considerations.

The workshop will provide information concerning resources, their applications and benefits; an overview on the technical, economic and regulatory aspects of making an application "happen;" and guidance on how to proceed.

Sponsors include the Idaho Geothermal Energy Working Group, the Idaho Energy Division, U.S. Department of Energy, the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, Geo-Heat Center, and the Geothermal Resources Council.

Although there is no cost for the workshop, seating is limited. Anyone interested in attending the workshop should contact Patrick Laney at 208-526-7468 or online at ptl@inel.gov.